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Drug Analysis Laboratory Monthly Status Report

August, 2009

Amherst and Jamaica Plain (combined)

Cases* submitted to the laboratories this month.....1156
Number of items* contained in these cases.....2058

Cases analyzed by the laboratories this month.....1013
Number of items analyzed this month.....1601

Number of vegetable matter items returned untested.....687

Laboratories' backlog (Items)..... 11478
Average time per analysis (turnaround time)..... 175 days
Number of preliminary/priority analyses performed.....253

Analysis Backlog

Unanalyzed items in the laboratory on the last day of the month

| | | |
|----------------------|-------|------|
| 1-15 days old | 1132 | 10% |
| 16-30 days old | 895 | 8% |
| 31-50 days old | 1025 | 9% |
| Greater than 50 days | 8426 | 73% |
| TOTAL | 11478 | 100% |

* A CASE refers to all the evidence gathered from an incident or arrest that is related to one or more defendants. Each case may contain one or more ITEMS of different appearance and/or composition, e.g. marijuana, cocaine, heroin.

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Analysis Profile

Time in the laboratory for items analyzed this month

| | | |
|----------------------|------|------|
| 1-15 days | 19 | 1% |
| 16-30 days | 334 | 21% |
| 31-50 days | 77 | 5% |
| Greater than 50 days | 1171 | 73% |
| TOTAL | 1601 | 100% |

Totals for Drugs of Interest

| Drug Type | Number of Items |
|------------------|------------------------|
| Marijuana | 285 |
| Cocaine | 373 |
| Heroin | 185 |
| Others | 753 |
| TOTAL | 1601 |

Trafficking Items Analyzed

| Drug Type | Number of Items |
|------------------|------------------------|
| Heroin | 7 |
| Cocaine | 33 |
| Oxycodone | 8 |
| TOTAL | 48 |

Calendar Year (2009) Totals through the End of the Month

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|-----------------|--|
| Items Submitted | 17994 |
| Items Analyzed | 18934 (does not include 1574 untested vegetable matter items) |